

Literary Notes.

In the April number of *The Chautauquan* begins "A Loyal Lover," by John Edgeworth, a story of unusual power and fascination. The fourth paper of Dr. Sydney A. Dunham's practical scientific discussion of "The Air We Breathe" appear in this issue. "The Tariff in Legislation" is treated in a concise yet masterly manner by Prof. J. A. Woodburn, Ph. D. "The Sultan of Turkey," by Edward F. Hay, is a timely paper, brimming with interesting facts and bright allusions. An attractive subject in itself, "Military Bands of Europe," written by S. Parkes Cadman and illustrated with picturesque and life-like portraits of various noted bandmen in uniform, forms a most pleasing feature of this number. Prof. J. H. Gilmore of Rochester University contributes a study of Lowell's "Biglow Papers" which is both entertaining in itself and valuable for the rare light it throws on these somewhat unintelligible classics.

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"Our Indians" is the title of a strong article by Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, published in *The Youth's Companion* of March 26.

Perhaps there is no national theme which arouses more quickly the sympathies of all fair minded Americans. The Indian who once had complete liberty to hunt and occupy this fair land has found the United States Government a master whom he cannot understand. Secretary Smith gives much valuable information about the present condition and prospects of the Indians, their increasing numbers, their education, and indicates the position of the present national administration toward them. He closes the article by saying: "While I have not criticised the action of our forefathers and of our fathers in the treatment of the Indians, I urge without hesitation that among this people can be found a field for missionary work as worthy of Christian zeal as in those countries far away from our own."

This article is one of a Series by American Statesmen, appearing in *The Companion*, including articles by Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Hon. H. A. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy, and Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture.

"The Preacher's Magazine" for April, with full and charming contents is before us. The "Present-Day Preaching" department contains a sermon by the famous Ian Maclaren (Rev. John Watson, M. A.), entitled, "The Burning Bush," and one by A. Moody Stuart, D. D., upon "Gideon's Three Hundred," both of which are rich in thought. Rev. Mark Guy Pearse continues to discourse upon Sacramental themes with helpful thoughts. "Thoughts for Easter" are good. "A Life Failure," a sermon for the young, is apt and strong. The Homiletics cover a variety of attractive themes, among them "Zacchæus," by Rev. Arthur E. Gregory; "The Benediction," by the Rev. James Feather; "The Candle of the Soul," by David Thomas, D. D.; "Life in Death," by Rev. M. S. DeVere; etc., etc. The "Bible Reading," "The Children's Sermon," by Rev. Samuel Gregory; "Brief Sermons to Busy Readers," by Joseph Parker, D. D., are all of royal value. Notes on S. S. lessons by William E. Ketcham, D. D., are always valuable, as are his "Outlines" on Golden Texts.

"Textual Preaching," by Rev. L. Palmer is able and worthy of study. "Variety in the Pulpit" is also a paper that will suggest aids to preachers. "Prayer Meeting Talks" by the late Dr. Deems, are sought for, and a number enrich this number. This magazine grows steadily in popular favor, and no preacher can afford to be without it. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 per year. Wilbur B. Ketcham, publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

In the April Magazine Number of THE OUTLOOK there will appear an article on William H. Prescott, by Kenyon West. It will be in commemoration of the centenary of the great American historian, who was born May 4, 1796. The article will be enriched by numerous portraits and other illustrations contributed from the private collections of members of the Prescott family, who have been interested in Kenyon West's tribute to Prescott. Among these are Mr. Arthur Dexter, of Boston, the nephew of the historian; Mrs. Roger Wolcott, Prescott's granddaughter, who lives also in Boston; and Mr. Linzee Prescott, of Greenwich, Conn., who is the son of Prescott's eldest son.

THE EMPEROR AT THE FORGE.

Some boys think it beneath them, to help in common work. Not so with great men.

The Emperor Joseph of Austria, set a good example in this respect one day when traveling in Italy. A wheel of a carriage broke down, and he went to the shop of a blacksmith in a little village, and asked him to mend it without delay.

"I would," said the smith; "but as to-day is a holiday, all men are away at church. Even the boy who blows the bellows is away."

"Now I have an excellent chance to warm myself," said the unknown Emperor. So, taking his place at the bellows (instead of calling one of his own attendants to do so,) he followed the smith's directions and worked as if for wages.

When the work was finished, instead of the little sum which he was charged, the sovereign handed out six gold ducats.

"You have made a mistake," said the astonished blacksmith, "and given me six gold pieces, which nobody in this village can change."

"Change them when you can," said the laughing Emperor as he entered his carriage. "An Emperor should pay for such a pleasure as blowing the bellows."

I have known some shop boys who would have waited long, and sent far for help, before they would have "come down" to blowing a blacksmith's bellows. It is not boys with the best sense who thus stand upon their dignity.